

PATENT: Mail Stop AF RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Attorney Docket No. 01198.0279-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Group Art Unit: 3782
) Examiner: Lester L. Vanterpool
) Confirmation No.: 9590
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop AF

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of June 16, 2006. The requisite fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 15, 2006

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